GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF REBELS BY MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Myanmar has released all the Manipur rebels, who were apprehended in November, 2001 following military interaction between the two countries;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken up the matter with Myanmar; and

(c) if so, the reasons put forward by Myanmar Government to release these rebels ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Myanmarese security forces in an operation in November 2001 in the Tamu area, reportedly apprehended a large number of Indian Insurgent Groups. It was learnt that a huge cache of arms, fake currency notes etc. were seized.

(b) & (c) India had requested through diplomatic channels that an Indian team be allowed to interrogate the insurgents who had been captured. We have been following up through the existing institutional mechanisms and through diplomatic channels.